

July-August 2026

Bet Knesset Bamidbar



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President's Message

Arlene Goodman - President (702) 228-6362, arlvegas@aol.com



Hard to believe that 2026 is half over. We have had so many events that time really flew by - there was the Purim Party, then the Passover Seder, changes in our service, etc.

The Sisterhood has new activities planned for the second half of 2026 and the Men's Club always has surprises for BKB. The Ball Game was great: Lots of food, drinks, camaraderie and we won the game! What more can you ask for?

The High Holidays will soon be here. We are no longer going to mail out packets. An email will be going out in a few weeks with all the details about tickets for the High Holy services, the *Book of Remembrance* and Break-The-Fast. You will have the option to print out the forms that will be attached to the email and to pay by check, or all the forms will be available for you to pick up at any future Friday services. For your convenience, we will also be offering the ability to access all the forms online from the BKB website: <https://www.bkblv.org> and to pay online for everything with a credit card. Look for the email with all the details and the attached forms. After you receive the email, if you still have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Be Happy, Be Healthy, Be Safe.

Arlene Goodman, President

Ritual

David Altman, (702) 513-9928, excutr@aol.com

We have just celebrated Shavuot, the first harvest and the gift of the Torah and the Ten Commandments. This book is a guide as to how we should live and behave with one another. It guides us with stories of our ancestors, and we learn from the mistakes they have made. We learn from their rules, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thou love thyself." To do this is easy and wise. Example: When you are asked to change seats on an airplane so another can sit with a relation – just do it. Not only will you help another, but it will bring you the joy of giving.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2026/5786-87

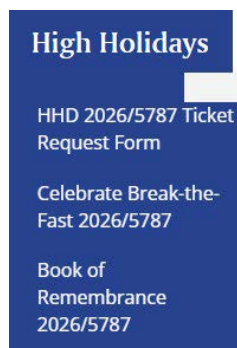
Erev Rosh Hashanah	FRIDAY	September 11	6:30pm
Rosh Hashanah	SATURDAY	September 12	10:00am
Shofar Blowing & Tashlich at Mountain Shadows	SUNDAY	September 13	10:00am
Kol Nidre	SUNDAY	September 20	6:30pm
Yom Kippur	MONDAY	September 21	10:00am
Yizkor (approximately)	MONDAY	September 21	12:00pm (Noon)
Afternoon Service and Neilah	MONDAY	September 21	3:30pm—5:00pm

This year, we are no longer mailing out information about the High Holy Days. Read through this article and look for emails with instructions on how to request tickets for the High Holiday Services, submitting Yahrzeit names for the Book of Remembrance and the Break-The-Fast which will occur after the Neilah service.

The emails will instruct you to click on a picture below the email text and to print out each form. Complete the forms, and with your checks, mail them to Arlene (Tickets), Darlene (Book of Remembrance) and Ivy (Break-The-Fast).

Or

For your convenience, you will now be able to complete the forms to pay by credit card online from the BKB website - <https://www.bkblv.org/>. From the menu above, click on **High Holidays** to access all the forms:



Or

If you do not have the ability to print out the ticket form or to access the form and pay online, all forms will be available at all future Friday evening services.

Moreh Alan Spector

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SUMMER - A TIME TO REFLECT AND TO PREPARE...

"Summertime... and the livin' is easy!" A great line from Porgy and Bess... a time for travel, graduation, weddings, picnics... and most importantly, a time for preparation for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur 5787. Not only a time to enjoy the season, but also a time to prepare for the upcoming High Holidays. For a Jew, preparing for Rosh Hashana is traditionally about much more than planning meals or attending services. It is a spiritual preparation — a time to examine one's life, relationships, habits, and direction before entering the Days of Judgment and Renewal. Here are some of the classic ways Jews prepare:

1. Cheshbon HaNefesh — An Accounting of the Soul

People reflect honestly on questions like: Where did I grow this year? Where did I fall short? Have I hurt anyone? What kind of person am I becoming? What do I want the next year to stand for?

This is not meant to create shame, but awareness.

2. Teshuvah — Returning

Teshuvah literally means "return."

It involves:

Recognizing mistakes. Feeling sincere regret. Making amends where possible. Changing behavior going forward.

A central teaching is that no one is expected to be perfect — only willing to return and begin again.

3. Seeking Forgiveness

Before Rosh Hashana, Jews traditionally try to repair damaged relationships.

That may mean:

Apologizing, Making a phone call, Writing a note, or letting go of resentment.

According to Jewish tradition, sins between people cannot be erased by prayer alone until reconciliation is attempted.

4. Prayer and Selichot

Many communities recite Selichot prayers in the days before Rosh Hashana.

These prayers focus on:

Humility, compassion, forgiveness, and spiritual awakening.

The shofar is also blown during the Hebrew month of Elul as a "wake-up call" to the soul.

5. Giving Tzedakah

Acts of generosity are considered an important preparation.

This can include:

Charity, helping someone quietly, visiting the sick, supporting a synagogue, or simply being more available to others.

Jewish tradition teaches that: "Teshuvah, tefillah, and tzedakah" (repentance, prayer, and generosity) help transform a person.

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Of course, on these Holidays, we eat apples and honey, and other sweet things, to show our hope for a "sweet year", but we also should not dwell on failures and challenges, but rather pray for good health and happiness and focus on having HOPE in the coming New Year. Renewal is always possible. "The gates are never closed". Even small steps toward honesty, kindness, healing, and connection are always meaningful for the New Year.

BKB is busy preparing for the upcoming, meaningful, and spiritual High Holidays. We look forward to joining with you as we pray and celebrate together as a caring and loving community. My sincerest best wishes to you and your families for an "easy livin' Summer", and a New Year filled with good health, joy, simcha... and most of all HOPE.

Blessings and Peace,

Moreh Alan

Sisterhood

Vicki Socol, President (818) 399-7748, vicknvegas@aol.com



Happy Summer to all. Great thanks to everyone who has participated on our Sisterhood Board and all of you who have attended our various Sisterhood Breakfast/Brunch meetings. Even though the Board is on hiatus for July and August, the General Sisterhood will still meet casually for lunches during these months, just NOT at the Egg Works.

On Thursday, July 23rd, we'll meet for lunch at 11 AM at Jason's Deli in Boca Park, 1000 S. Rampart Blvd., #2.

In August, on Thursday, the 27th, we'll be at the Tavern at the Falls in Sun City, also 11 AM for lunch. (10201 Sun City Blvd).

There will be no signups for July and August lunches. Just bring yourselves and eat up the food and make friends.

Our new Knit and Chat group is becoming very popular. Newbies to knit and those already proficient and experienced at the art, meet once a month to share help and ideas. As of the writing of this article, there is no specific date scheduled for July and August, however, we plan on continuing to get together during these months. If you would like to participate, and haven't signed up yet, please give me a call at (818) 399-7748.

Have a healthy, productive, fulfilling, joyful Summer.

Vicki Socol

Membership

Harriet Jacobson, (702) 858-9508, hj26@cox.net



Two new members joined our temple in the month of May and we welcome them to our BKB family. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, reach out and introduce yourself to new faces that you see at Services. Tell your friends what a wonderful group of people we are.

Just a reminder, in the event you haven't renewed your membership for 2026, you are still welcome to do so. Kindly make your checks payable to BKB and mail them to:

Harriet Jacobson
2708 Childress Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89134

You can also pay online by credit card at www.bkblv.org and click *Membership*. Annual Membership is \$146.00 for a single person and \$287.00 for a couple (whether married or not, living in the same household).

Should you have any questions regarding membership, please reach out to me at the email or phone number above.

Singles Group

Helene Orenstein, (702) 763-4117, BKBSingles@gmail.com



The goal of the BKB Singles Group is to provide a monthly entertaining social activity so that the Single and "Socially Single" members of BKB can get together to celebrate holidays, get to know each other, enjoy a great activity, and participate in Jewish community activities. For example, this year we attended the Jewish Nevada International Film Festival, and Israeli Independence Day Celebration. In addition, we will have monthly dine-outs and potlucks.

Membership in the BKB Singles Group is complementary with your BKB membership. It is open to all members who pay a single membership fee regardless of their social status, members who have lost a spouse or partner during the year, and members who are "socially single," i.e., their partner due to health or other reasons is unavailable to participate in social activities.

The Singles Group will be dark in July and August. We will reconvene for our annual Rosh Hashanah dinner at the Rampart Buffet. The exact day and time will be set shortly. If you would like to join the Singles email list, you can send a message to: BKBSingles@gmail.com.

Donations to BKB

Alan Rosenberg - Tribute
Pauline Mattes - In honor of opening the Ark
Marilyn Hirsch - Trees for Israel
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Hillary Katz - In Honor of Edith Einhorn

Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

Vicki Socol & David Kandel honoring Diane Shultz's 80th Birthday
Roberta Smith celebrating her 89th Birthday
David Kandel celebrating Vicki Socol's 77th Birthday
Adrianne Shaw Rubin celebrating son, Scott's 59th Birthday
Linda Cofsky celebrating singing in 50th Shabbat Services with choir
Stephanie & David Droker celebrating son, Sampson, graduating summa com laude from
Nevada State University, BA in Business Finance
Sheila Cohan celebrating great nephew, Leo Greenberg's 8th Birthday
Sheila Cohan celebrating Lenard & Ronnie Greenberg's 49th Anniversary
Vicki & Steve Yohay celebrating Vickie's 77th Birthday
Barry and Harriet Jacobson celebrating their 54th Anniversary

Men's Club

David Kandel, President, (949) 697-8162, zzdavidk@gmail.com

Our BKB Men's Club events have been such a success each month, with more to come! As always, we have planned many different restaurants to meet for our Friendship Dinners. The upcoming months will be no exception. And every third Tuesday of each month we meet for a delicious breakfast at the Egg Works meeting room, with interesting & entertaining guest speakers.

If you are a BKB Member, you are also a BKB Men's Club Member. I invite all our Men to join the fun and get active so you don't miss out. We also include our Ladies at many of our meetings. Each Friday Night Service, we put a sign-up sheet out with upcoming events, and send an email flyer as a reminder. You can also check what's happening on the BKB website calendar. Some events have limited room so sign up early!

As always, I want to thank all that have supported our Club in the past, and invite our new members to join in.

David Kandel, President
BKB Men's Club

Planting Trees in Israel

Contact: Marilyn Hirsch at (702) 243-9484



IN MEMORY

To **Vevity & Dan McGregor**
In Memory of Brother
from **Jessica & Sue Schweitzer**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Diane Shultz**
from **Marilyn Hirsch** and **Elaine & Benni Ruda**



Yahrzeit Contributions

Sheila Cohan, (860) 478-1246, sheila0424@gmail.com



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Murray Genislow	Harriet Jacobson	Katie Waxman	Stephan Yohay

Schedule of Dedications

BKB SHABBAT SHALOM SERVICES



DATE	DONOR	DEDICATION
08/14/26	Sheldon Rosenberg	In Memory of wife Barbara
08/28/26	Lonnie Wagman	In Memory of husband and mother



May their memory be for a blessing

Birthdays

7/1	Bonnie Goldstein	7/28	Edward Benstock	8/14	Janet Goldman
7/4	Darlene Vaturi	7/30	Jessica Perdichizzi	8/20	Eric Kaufman
7/14	Edie Friedman	7/30	Ricky Bindhamer	8/21	Pauline Mattes
7/16	Myra Feldgreber	7/31	Leon Angel	8/23	Samantha Holland
7/17	Mary Benstock	7/31	Malcolm Singer	8/23	Francine (Frankie) Meppen
7/17	Alan Spector	8/1	Adrienne Lucarelli	8/24	Stuart Ruthman
7/20	Sandra Berenbaum	8/2	Samuel Miller	8/26	Harriet Jacobson
7/20	Ivy Goldman	8/2	Martin Skalar	8/26	Edwin Mathews
7/20	Ronald Kirsh	8/3	Kurt Mayer	8/27	Annette Bonder
7/23	Kenneth Resnik	8/8	Patricia Risler	8/28	Garry Shok
7/23	Myrna Goldstein	8/10	Alan Rosenberg	8/30	Sherry Cimino
7/26	Madeleine Klein	8/13	Michael Stein		



Anniversaries



7/16	Jay & Diane Shultz	8/9	Susan Alexman & Allen Dickinson
7/23	Alex & Lilo Kuechel	8/20	Kenneth & Phyllis Resnik
7/30	Stanley & Carol Madris	8/23	Stuart & Naomi Ruthman
8/6	Edward & Diane Gercht	8/27	Malcolm & Katherine Singer

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



Are you a caregiver for your spouse, mother, father or child? This is something we didn't sign up for. But we must do it. It's very hard work, physically and emotionally. I'm sure you've all called family and friends and told them about your problems. They all probably said "I'm sorry" and they meant it. Unless they are going through the same predicament, they have NO idea what you're going through.

But we do. There are no books to help you. We meet once a month. We talk about what we are going through, and it's usually something we've all handled before. We help each other with our experiences. You are not alone.

Come and meet us the **second Monday every month at Desert Vista, Room 3 at 10:00 AM.** There are no dues. Only love and understanding. Any questions, call me, Ivy Goldman, (224) 715-9629.

IN SYMPATHY

TO:

Hilary Katz
Katz and Einhorn families
Goldman Family

FOR:

Mother Edith Einhorn
Edith Einhorn
Father and grandfather

FROM:

Arlene Gold
Wendy Kraft and Laura Sussman
Sue Schweitzer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO:

Diane Shultz
Diane Shultz
Arlene Gold
Vicky Socol
Tim Cooper
Susan Bindhamer

FROM:

Elayne Tessler
Arlene Gold
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan

TO:

Vickie Yohay
Lilo Kuschel
Tim Cooper
Larry Rubin
Sydell Miller

FROM:

Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan
Alan Roenberg
Alan Rosenberg
Alan Rosenberg

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

TO:

Alan and Melanie Spector
Leonard and Joan Wiener
Albert and Helene Lobel
Barry and Harriet Jacobson
Larry and Arlene Rubin
Alan and Melanie Spector

FROM:

Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan
Alan Rosenberg
Alan Rosenberg

THANK YOU

TO:

Alan and Melanie Spector

FROM:

Arlene Gold



Donation Opportunities

We have had a great response this year for members submitting donations online at the BKB website. If you would like to donate using our online process, please visit: **bkbiv.org**. On the Home page, click "Get Involved – Donation Opportunities." Under each option; Oneg Shabbat, Jewish National Fund, Tribute Cards, Yahrzeit and General Temple Donations, click **DONATE NOW** and complete the online payment form.

Yahrzeits

BKB maintains a calendar of the anniversaries of the death of your loved ones. In advance of that anniversary, we send out a reminder with the date of their service when that name will be read. If you wish to add a loved one, please call Sheila Cohan at: (860) 478-1246. You may also email her at: sheila0424@gmail.com. Send Sheila the first and last name of the person, his/her relationship to you and the date you wish to remember. Indicate if you want to remember the Hebrew date or the English date. It is also a tradition to honor the memory of the deceased by donating *tzedakah*, (a minimum amount of \$18 is being requested).

Tribute Cards

Remember friends and family with Tribute Cards while helping BKB. We have tribute cards for all occasions: Anniversary, Birthday, Get Well, Mazel Tov and Sympathy. Contact Eunice Shafer at (702) 823-1474, email: euniceshafer@gmail.com or 2229 Hot Oak Ridge St., Las Vegas, NV 89134.

Jewish National Fund

To Plant Trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund, please call Marilyn Hirsch at (702) 243-9484. The cost is \$18.00 for each tree. Make checks payable to BKB. Trees can be planted for happy occasions as well as for sympathy.

Bereavement

After a BKB member passes away, our Sisterhood assists the family after the funeral by ordering and/or serving a sweet tray. If you need help with any of this, please call Arlene Goodman at (702) 228-6362.

Dedicating a Shabbat Service

Something new at BKB. Our Board of Directors has established a beautiful new opportunity for members to celebrate an occasion or commemorate a loved one or even just to express gratitude for the many blessings in life by dedicating a Shabbat service. It is considered an important Mitzvah to dedicate study or prayer to the memory of others or as a blessing for happy occasions. Our first dedicated service was at the last Shabbat Service in December 2025, and since then, every service has been dedicated. Some have already reserved future services throughout the year for their dedication. Please contact Arlene Goodman, 702-228-6362, for further donation and designation information.

Oneg

BKB Sisterhood likes to share your "Simcha" with you. The cost is just \$25.00. Sisterhood buys, arranges, sets up and cleans up. Your Simcha is announced from the Bimah, published in the Newsletter, and you receive a special blessing from our spiritual leaders. To pay online, access our website - **bkbiv.org** and click **DONATE NOW** below. If you wish to pay by check, make checks payable to BKB/Sisterhood and send to BKB, Attn: Arlene Gold, Box 33503, Las Vegas, NV 89133-3503.

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ANNUAL DUES FOR 2026

Single: \$146 Couple: \$287

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